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Intimations.

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FUND.**
NOTICE is hereby given that all ac-
counts in connection with the above,
must be presented to the undersigned on
or before WEDNESDAY, the 17th Inst.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Hon. Treasurer.
Hongkong, December 3, 1902. 2493

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Canton, December 10, 1902. 2576

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1903.
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By Order,
J. W. KEW,
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Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2574

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Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2572

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Undersigned have been REMOVED
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Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2578

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DURING my temporary absence from
the Colony Mr. E. W. MAYLAND
will act as Secretary of the Company.
By order of the Board,
W. H. RAY,
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Hongkong, December 10, 1902. 2549

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Hongkong, December 15, 1902.

THE PHILIPPINE CURRENCY.

The Manila Times of the 6th inst. says:

A cablegram from Vice-Governor Wright to Governor Taft, received last evening, announces that a bill embodying the Constant financial plan has been introduced in congress with the design of giving immediate relief to the degenerate currency system of the Philippines, and that there is a prospect that the measure will be adopted. The telegram is silent as to any changes in the bill, and it is not known what, if any alterations have been made in it. Silver has sunk much lower in value since the plan was first outlined and it has been felt here that some change would of necessity be made in the intrinsic value and size of the Constant coins.

The general lines of the Constant plan as laid down in the report made by Mr. Conant to the Secretary of War were as follows:

1. That there should be a distinctive Philippine coin of silver which should be legal tender for 50 cents in the gold money of the United States.
2. That this distinctive silver coin should be known as the peso, should contain 25 grams of silver of the fineness of 0.835, and should be divisible into one hundred equal parts, called centavos.
3. That this coin should be issued by the government of the Philippine islands in such quantities, to be determined by such government, as may be required by the needs of trade.
4. That the distinctive coin should be maintained at par with gold by the limitation of the amount coined and by a gold reserve, to be constituted by the seigniorage derived from the coinage of silver bullion, and to be employed, in the discretion of the Philippine government, for the direct exchange of silver for gold, and in such other ways as may be necessary to maintain the parity fixed by law.
5. That the Mexican silver dollar and other coins now in use in the Philippine islands should cease to be legal tender after specified dates, and that the new silver coins and the gold money of the United States, where not otherwise stipulated by the contract, should be the sole legal tender for public and private obligations.
6. That the new coinage should be executed as far as possible at the mint at Manila and should bear distinctive devices expressing the fact that it is intended for use in the Philippine islands.

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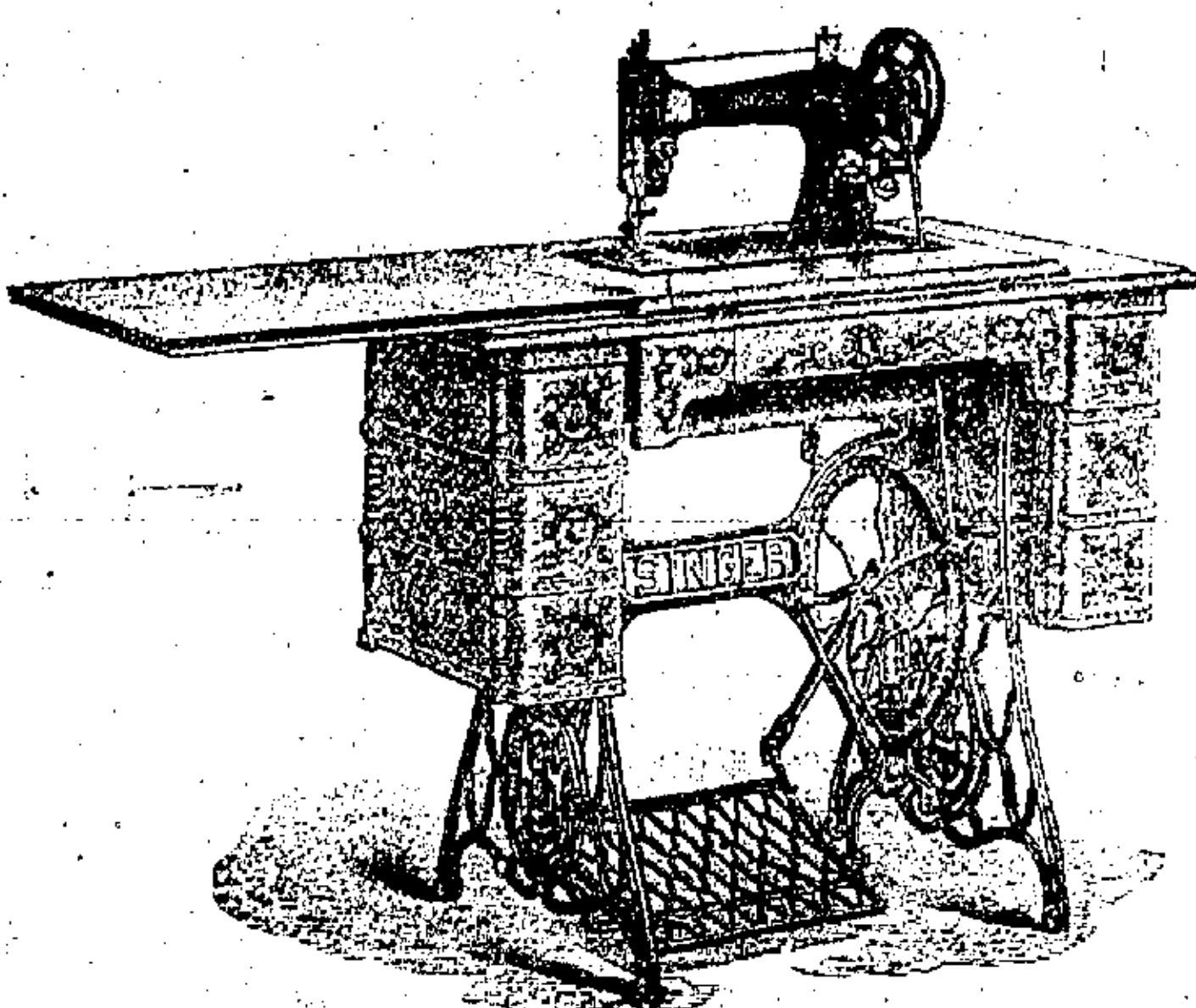
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Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Albion	despatch-vessel	1700	—	3000	Comdr. Seymour E. Eekins	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Captain Thomas	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	1600	6	1400	Commander R. Nugent	Wahaiwei
Amphitrite	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.	Singapore
Argonaut	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Captain George H. Cherry	Singapore
Blenheim	cruiser, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Captain F. G. Stopford	Singapore
Bramble	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Hankow
Britannia	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comdr. T. D. Pratt	Singapore
Cressy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Tuley	Hongkong
Chorub	water tank and tug	390	—	300		Hongkong
Eclipse	cruiser, 2nd class	5800	11	9800		Hongkong
Esk	gunboat, 2nd class	365	—	200		Hongkong
Esperanza	gunboat, 2nd class	1070	10	1400		Hongkong
Fame	gunboat, 2nd class	360	6	5700		Hongkong
Fearless	cruiser, 3rd class	1580	12	3300		Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	4	380		Hongkong
Gloria	battleship, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Comdr. John J. Graham	Hongkong
Goliath	battleship, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Capt. W. A. Carter	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	4	4000	Capt. F. H. Henderson, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	4	4000	Lieut.-Com. G. C. Hardy	Shanghai
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Comdr. J. D. Dainton	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3800	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Kinsha	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Yangtze-Kiang
Kinsha	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. C. Webster	Canton
Mutino	ship	980	10	1400	Comdr. C. W. M. Plumtreath	Hankow
Ocean	battleship, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Captain R. W. White	Hongkong
Ottor	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Lt.-Com. C. P. Mansel	Hankow
Phoenix	ship	1015	6	1400	Comdr. W. H. Nicholson	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	7000	Capt. Harry C. Reynolds	Shanghai
Rambler	Surveying-vessel	835	6	650	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Rinaldo	ship	980	10	1400	Com. D. St. A. Wake	Canton
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. John P. Irwin	Hongkong
Rosario	ship	980	6	1400	Comdr. C. A. W. Hamilton	Hongkong
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. Murray Lockhart	Shanghai
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. W. Dalgaty	Hongkong
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	200	6	6600	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Talbot	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9800	Captain Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4550	6	—	Comdr. Robinson	Shanghai
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. R. W. Dalgaty	Shanghai
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	363	3	930	Lieut. Forbes	Wessing
Vestal	ship	980	10	1400		Shanghai
Waterwitch	surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5900	Lt.-Com. C. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hankow
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Chibbott	Shanghai

* Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

** Flag of Rear-Admiral Harry T. Grenfell, C.M.G.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Kaiser Karl VI	Austrian cruiser	6250	20	12,800	Captain Dredger	Nanking
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Belloy	Shanghai
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	450	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Avalanche	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journot	Saigon
Bengali	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Fille	Canton River
Bugeaud	French cruiser	4009	19	9000	Capt. Lefevre	Nanking
Comete	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Lound	Hai Phong
Decade	French gunboat	590	—	—	Commander Leamy	Shanghai
Deception	French ship	8114	14	13,500	Capt. Fournel H. Smyth	Tonkin
Deception	French cruiser	3739	10	9000	Captain Sorris	Wessing
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Goffeur	Tonkin
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécue	Saigon
Olry	French gunboat	3988	14	8500	Capt. Hurst	Yangtze
Recluse	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Captain Bonifoy	Shanghai
Styx	French cruiser	1800	—	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Surprise	French gunboat	429	2	900	Captain Morne	Shanghai
Taklong	French gunboat	—	—	—		Yangtze
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—		Along Bay
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—		Canton
Vipere	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Bussard	German gunboat	1800	8	2900	Comdr. von Basewitz	Kiautschow
Fürst Bismarck	German flag ship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Hongkong
Geit	German gunboat	1250	6	2200	Comdr. Burger	Singapore
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Passchou	Shanghai
Horatia	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Derzewski	Shanghai
Ilis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Lieut.-Commander Schomer	Canton
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300		Kobe
Lochs	German gunboat	850	10	1300	Comdr. Wuthmann	Yangtze
Schwabo	German gunboat	1120	8	1500	Commander Hilbrand	Singapore
Seeadler	German gunboat	1600	8	2800	Comdr. Hoffmann	Nanking
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Schröder	Hongkong
Vorwärts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. von Weise	Shanghai
Thetis	German gunboat	—	—	—		Shanghai
Lombardia	Italian cruiser	2900	10	6843	Captain John Bost	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	4583	16	10,543	Captain Botti	Shanghai
Puglia	Italian cruiser	2250	10	7000	Captain Canale	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4500	14	6820	Captain Zozzi	Shanghai
Dia	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain d'Azavedo	Hongkong
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barbosa Ical	Macao
Admiral Nachimoff	Russian cruiser	9000	18	6000	Captain Stemmann	Singapore
Albatross	Russian gunboat	2800	5	4700	Comdr. Gintze	Vladivostok
Belor	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Gramschko	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Comdr. Zolensky	Port Arthur
Gromoboi	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2900	Comdr. Zolensky	Shanghai
Gromoboi	Russian battleship	12,354	44	14,500	Captain Jenson	Nagasaki
Gullik	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Shanghai
Kovets	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Nanking
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comdr. Muraviev	Shanghai
Orujay	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2900	Comdr. Vasiliev	Port Arthur
Persviet	Russian battleship	12,374	16	14,500	Captain Koroloff	Nagasaki
Petrovsk	Russian battleship	12,380	16	14,500	Captain Koroloff	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Osnoff	Port Arthur
Rasbonyak	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1788	Comdr. Kovnarsky	Shanghai
Rosita	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	32	17,000	Captain Sepelonnoff	Shanghai
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,225	26	13,250	Capt. Matusevich	Shanghai
Sevastopol	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Serbrennikov	Port Arthur
Sitach	Russian gunboat	850	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sirochot	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1120	Comdr. Gintze	Port Arthur
Varyag	Russian cruiser	6500	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Port Arthur
Vesdnik	Russian gunboat	500	9	3300	Comdr. Zagoriansky-Kissel	Port Arthur
Zabinka	Russian cruiser	1230	6	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Amazilia	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	1277	Commander Karl Rohrer	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	8	1000	Commander C. G. Bowman	Manila
Frodo	U. S. gunboat	180	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. J. M. Helm	Manila
General Alava	U. S. gunboat	180	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. W. F. Hals	Manila
Helen	U. S. gunboat	180	—	—	Comdr. R. R. Ingalls	Manila
Kentucky	U. S. flag ship	11,500	41	10,000	Captain O. H. Stockton	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	180	—	—	Comdr. T. H. Stevens	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	390	—	—	Captain Farnholt	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	180	—	—	Comdr. F. M. Wise	Taku
Manila	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Comdr. De Key	Hongkong
Manila	U. S. cruiser	414	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. Sperry	Hongkong
Manila	U. S. flag ship	820	24	17,401	Captain M. R. S. Mackenzie	Hongkong
Manila	U. S. gunboat	100	—	—	Commander J. E. Selfridge	Manila
Manila	U. S. cruiser	100	—	—	Commander E. B. Barry	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	1307	9	1804	Commander E. S. Prim	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	1601	Commander Ward	Manila

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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 18:—
2.15 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Silks and Curios at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms.
Goods per *Kongy Allert* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, December 19:—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Sundry Stores, at H.M. Naval Yard.

SATURDAY, December 20:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Goods, at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms, 100 House Street.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Fine Art Bronzes, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms.

TUESDAY, December 23:—
Transfer Books of The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 31st December, inclusive.

MONDAY, December 29:—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Tramway Co., Ltd., at the Company's Registered Office.

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DEATH.
At Tanjong Pagar, Singapore, on the 6th December, the wife of R. SPENCE, of a Son.
In Hospital, at Singapore, on 7th December, W. E. JANSZ, aged 33 years.
The publication of this issue commences at 5.55 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Judge Fines Himself.
At Aberdeen County Court on 19th ult., when his Honour Judge Gwilym Williams took his seat, it was noticed he was minus his robes and wig. Before the business commenced he addressed the solicitors as follows:—"As it is my fault, and as I insist on your robes, I fine myself 10s. to be consistent. I shall pay the sum into the poorbox."

Coaling Records.
The *Nagasaki Press* draws attention to a recent great performance in the coaling line by the *Mitsu Bishi Co.* at that port. It says:—"The *Korea* arrived at this port at 8.30 a.m., and left for Woonung at 6 p.m., between which hours the Company put into her bunkers 2,500 tons of coal. The actual time occupied in coaling the steamer was from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with half an hour's interval for a meal. Thus the average for the seven hours was 357 tons per hour—surely a remarkable achievement. The *Korea* thus took on board the largest quantity of bunker coal taken by one steamer in this port. Nagasaki is believed to hold the world's record for coaling. This was won on July 25th of this year, when the R.M.S. *Empress of China*, which came into harbour at 10.30 a.m., left for Woonung at 3 p.m., having had 1,210 tons of bunker coal loaded in 3½ hours—an average of 372 tons per hour."

Smallpox in the Philippines.
The *Manila Times* of the 8th inst. reports:—"A deplorable condition exists in certain parts of Mindanao. Cholera has been epidemic and the situation has been anything but satisfactory to the insular health authorities. Commissioner Carter rendered prompt aid to the people in their effort to wipe out the cholera, and just about the time that he had accomplished this, a new condition confronted him. Smallpox broke out in Surigao and in his telegram describing the deplorable condition Dr. Antonio Fernandez says that the people are distracted with fear. During the last five days, there have been 500 cases of smallpox in Butuan; 30 cases in Digoon, 85 in Nasipit, 110 in Catabaran and 40 cases in Tuba, making a total of 770 cases in one province. Commissioner Carter has already despatched Dr. Biggar to the scene, and he has sent by mail 3000 units of vaccine. Cholera is also increasing to an alarming extent at Zamboanga. The last report gave over 68 cases. Misamis and Surigao reported 20 cases and Oriental Negros 40 cases. The total report for the provinces for the past 24 hours was 15 cases and 73 deaths. Manila reported 4 cases and 3 deaths."

Colonel Driscoll on the Boers.
Colonel Driscoll, of Driscoll's Scouts, has arrived in Mandalay on four months' leave from South Africa. He was received at the station by the Upper Burma Volunteer officers and was escorted by the Mounted Company to the headquarters where the other Companies formed a guard of honour. Colonel Driscoll was much affected by the heartiness of the welcome. In his speech he thanked the Volunteers and said he was proud to know that they had appreciated his work in South Africa. The thought ever uppermost in his mind through the campaign was never to disgrace the old Corps. He wished some of them could have shared the fighting. They had every reason to be proud of the work performed by the Volunteers who sacrificed a great deal to go out and bear their share of the burden almost if not equally well with the Regulars. Volunteers, especially the mounted, had been somewhat inclined to get out of control in the charge or retirement, owing to want of training where the Regulars had the advantage, but were their equal in pluck and determination. England was not likely to meet a pluckier and more determined foe than the Boers. At long ranges the Boers judged their distance almost to a foot. When they could not stop the British getting right up they became shaky, shot badly and bolted. This was because they were not trained soldiers. Volunteers cannot hope to do well without training and strict discipline. Knowing the falling of the Boers Colonel Driscoll made charges when he would never have dared to do so against trained soldiers. In conclusion he paid a warm tribute to Lord Kitchener, for whom he called for three cheers.

IT WILL NOT DO.
To fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. It is a common error, chronic bronchitis and consumption invariably result from a neglected cold. As a medicine for the cure of colds, coughs and influenza, nothing can compare with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers, WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

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Washerman's Club Theft.

Mok Fok stule 818 worth of goods from the Washerman's Club. He was ordered to do two months' imprisonment at the Magistracy, to-day.

After the Regatta.

A lady's parasol and a chain and bunch of keys were found on board the flagship *Daylight* after the Regatta of last week. Application for the lost articles should be made to the Steward of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Thanks to Ladies.

The Rev. Mother of the French Convent desires to thank all the ladies who so generously helped to win success for the recent Bazaar in the City Hall. We are pleased to learn that its productiveness was considerably better than last year.

Venezuela's Embarrassments.

A London telegram, dated 30th November, says:—"A telegram from New York says that a secret delegation from the Venezuelan Government has arrived in Europe to settle Venezuela's European liabilities. The arrival in Washington of the banker Seligmann is believed to be connected therewith, and indicates the existence of a syndicate to float a Venezuelan loan for the purpose of satisfying European creditors and avert the European permanent occupation of a port, to which United States would object. The syndicate desires to secure America's moral support."

The Vermiform Appendix.

The man who cannot say he is suffering from appendicitis nowadays feels quite 'out of it.' It has taken the place of 'la grippe' as the fashionable malady, and nearly everybody one knows has been taken to pieces and rearranged for it, or contemptibly submitting to vivisection on its account, and, though the doctors know all about the disease and what to do for it, they don't know why we should have a vermiform appendix at all. Nature has a reason for most things, but medical opinion favours the view that she has forgotten her reason for this one. Some day an advanced reformer will propose the eradication of the troublesome and obsolete organ at birth. People managed to get along very well and to live to good healthy ages—Methuselah was a fairly long-lived man—before they knew anything about appendicitis, and they seemed to get on much better when they put its evil working down to just plain stomach-ache.

Mr. Quong Tart.

We have seen a copy of *The Town and Country Journal* (Sydney) containing an excellent portrait of our old friend Mr. Quong Tart, the well-known Chinese Philanthropist, who has just recovered from a serious assault perpetrated upon him by some Sydney 'hoodlums.' There is also a well-written letterpress appreciation of Mr. Quong Tart, from which we extract the following:—
In 1887 two Chinese Ambassadors visited Sydney, who were received by Mr. Tart, and entertained on a scale of splendour befitting their exalted positions—they were introduced to the Governor, and the principal Ministers, and, after performing their mission, returned to their country, greatly impressed with the kindly treatment they had received from the Government and people of New South Wales. They did not, however, forget the many claims which Mr. Quong Tart had on the Chinese Government, as was evidenced by the fact that a Fifth Class Mandarin conferred upon him for valuable services rendered on behalf of his countrymen. Three years later he was further honoured by being advanced to a Mandarin of the Fourth Class, a distinction equivalent to a K.C.M.G. Mr. Tart is very happy in his married life, and his children combine all the cleverness and good qualities of their parents, one young girl having passed a high grade in the Trinity College musical examination. London, while another, a mere mite, aptitude for drawing and sketching from sight. There are few residents in Sydney who command the respect and esteem of the citizens of all classes and creeds so thoroughly as Mr. Tart, whose life has been a series of good deeds, and whose aspirations tend to the realization of the noble sentiment—
When man to man o'er a world,
Shall brothers be for a' that.

Gezai Actor. "I propose making a farcical tour of the provinces. What play would you advise?" Unappreciative Critic: "Much Adieu About Nothing."

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 16th at 11.40 a. The depression is moving into the Pacific to the NE of Japan.
The barometer has risen over S. Japan; fallen on the China coast, probably owing to the existence of another depression over Central China.
Moderate to light monsoon in the Formosa Channel, fresh monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.
Forecast:—moderate or light E. winds; fair.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL SERVICE.]

THE CHINESE TELEGRAPHS.

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Chinese Government to Assume Control.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, December 16, 9.50 a.m.

An Imperial Edict was issued yesterday transferring the control of the Chinese telegraphs from the Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration to Government.

This change is due to the recommendations of His Excellency Yuan Shi-kai, Viceroy of Chihli Province, who also demands the transfer of the China Merchants Steamship Company from the present administration to the Government.

THE PEKING SYNDICATE.

SIGNS OF ACTIVITY.

A party of British engineers has started from Peking for Tachon, in the Province of Shansi, to commence a survey on behalf of the Peking Syndicate of that company's railway through the Provinces of Honan and Anhui to Puku (1), opposite Nanking.

EDUCATION IN CHINA.

FORMATION OF A NEW MINISTRY.

It is reported from Peking that the formation of a new Ministry of Education is imminent. Chang Pei-shi has been selected as the first President. [The official mentioned in our telegram is probably Chang Pei-hin who is the son-in-law of the late Viceroy Li Hung-chang.—Ed., C.M.]

SOMALILAND.

LONDON, December 14, 1902.

The rumoured murder of the Mahdi is seemingly disproved by the receipt of an arrogant letter from him suggesting peace, but on conditions conceding him a port, and the free importation of arms.

VENEZUELA.

Two more British warships have left Bermuda for Venezuela, and Italy is also sending two men-of-war. It appears that only the Germans sunk the two Venezuelan vessels which they captured; the British are utilizing their captures.

THE GERMAN TARIFF BILL.

LATER.

After an all-night debate, unprecedented in the annals of the German Parliament, the Reichstag passed the new Tariff Bill by 202 votes to 100.

VENEZUELA.

The German cruiser *Vindia* has captured the Venezuelan gunboat *Restaurador*. The mob at Puerto Cabello seized the English steamer *Topaze* on the 10th inst., but subsequently released her. Failing satisfaction for this, the British cruiser *Charley* and the German cruiser *Vindia* afterwards bombarded Puerto Cabello fort.

President Roosevelt and Hon. John Hay, Secretary of State, have agreed that the United States will not become involved in the disputes with the Venezuelans, unless serious developments take place.

BAD NEWS FROM FINLAND.

LONDON, December 9.

Famine and typhus have appeared in Finland. There is great distress in the South-west of Russia and the Caucasus.

THE KING OF PORTUGAL.

LONDON, 9th December.

The King of Portugal has left England for home. The greater part of his stay was occupied by private visits to various country seats.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Harry L. B. MacMurtrei, C.B., M.P. for Newmarket, has died in his 43rd year.

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French aeronauts have combined to build an airship to make the passage across the Atlantic for the prize of \$100,000 gold offered by the management of the St. Louis Fair. The enterprise is distinct from that of Santos-Dumont, who has declared his intention to try for the prize in a ship of his own construction.

CRICKET.

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The above-mentioned teams met at the Happy Valley on Saturday. The batting of Skinner and the bowling of Bradford enabled the A.O.C. to record an easy win. Bradford performed 'the hat trick,' and captured in all eight wickets for 11 runs.

ORDNANCE.

Bradford, b Mott	4
Lillywhite, run out	9
Skinner, c Bristow, b Mott	23
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Jewsbury, b Cope	2
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Rutter, c Cope, b Mott	0
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EYAN OSMISTON
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1902. 234

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TARO HODSUMI,
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Hongkong, October 31, 1902. 689

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